

REMARKS

Applicants are resubmitting herewith the Sequence Listing in print and computer-readable form in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004. In the Office Action, the Patent Office has asserted that the Sequence Listing in computer-readable form has not been provided and thus is required for further prosecution on the merits of the above-referenced patent application.

At the outset, Applicants respectfully note that they filed on December 1, 2003, the Sequence Listing in print and computer-readable form along with Applicants' Amendment in response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003. Indeed, Applicants have received a date-stamped postcard evidencing the Sequence Listing in computer-readable and print or paper form was received by the Patent Office on December 4, 2003. A copy of the date-stamped postcard is attached herewith as Exhibit A.

In the spirit of cooperation and further efforts to advance the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application, Applicants are resubmitting herewith the Sequence Listing in print and computer-readable form as previously filed on December 1, 2003 and as discussed above. The Sequence Listing submitted herewith replaces the previously-submitted Sequence Listing and thus Applicants respectfully request that an Amendment to the specification be made to direct entry therein as indicated above. Attached herewith as Exhibit B is the Sequence Listing in print form. Applicants believe that no new matter has been added with respect to the resubmission of the Sequence Listing. Applicants further believe that the Sequence Listing provided in computer-readable form is identical to the Sequence Listing in print form that have been filed herewith. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825 have been satisfied.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable examination on the merits of the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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